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SUBJ: W/W: SANDRA FRONCZAK

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1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVES AN AVERAGE OF TWO OR THREE REQUESTS EACH WEEK FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING A MISSING PERSON. HOW MANY OF THESE REPRESENT TRUE DISAPPEARANCES, EITHER VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY, WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING. OCCASIONALLY, WE ARE ABLE TO LOCATE THE PERSON BUT, GIVEN OUR LIMITED RESOURCES, MORE OFTEN WE ARE NOT. WE RECEIVE SUFFICIENT FEEDBACK TO GIVE US REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES INVOLVE TRAVELERS WHO SIMPLY HAVE NOT BOTHERED TO WRITE TO THEIR FAMILIES, OR WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOR YEARS. CASES IN THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT WHERE A PERSON HAS REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, GIVING REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FOUL PLAY MAY HAVE OCCURRED, ARE VERY RARE. OFF-HAND, WE CAN RECALL ONLY ONE OTHER CASE THAN THAT OF MRS. FRONCZAK REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY DURING THE PAST YEAR.

2. CONOFF WHO VISITED GOVERNOR OF GUERRERO IN LATE JULY REQUESTED AND WAS PROMISED COPIES OF CONFESSIONS OF ACCUSED POLICEMEN (WHICH, AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RETRACTED), BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORTHCOMING. WE CAN CONTINUE TO

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PRESS FOR THEM, BUT OUR REQUEST MUST BE MADE ON

BEHALF OF THE FAMILY, NOT FOR DIRECT RELEASE TO
OUTSIDE PARTIES. WE BELIEVE ALSO WE WOULD BE
OBLIGED TO INFORM THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OF THE
USE THE FAMILY MAY MAKE OF THEM.
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